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SUBJECT: SOMOZA CONTEMPLATING EXTENSIVE US TRAVEL IN 1976

1. PRESIDENT SOMOZA WILL MAKE AT LEAST ONE AND AS MANY AS FOUR PUBLIC VISITS TO US IN 1976, AS PART OF A PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO CREATE AN IMPROVED IMAGE FOR HIMSELF IN THE US. ACCORDING TO THE 1976 ACTION PLAN OF SULLIVAN AND SARRIA, THE GON'S US PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE WHICH IS DOING BUSINESS AS THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICE, THESE TRIPS ARE DESIGNED TO "ELIMINATE PRECONCEIVED IDEAS ABOUT THE NAME SOMOZA AND NICARAGUA BY REPLACING THESE ERRONEOUS CONCEPTS WITH IMAGES BASED ON REAL ACTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS."

2. SOMOZA HAS ALREADY CONFIRMED TO USMILGP COMMANDER THAT HE WILL ATTEND THE 30TH REUNION OF HIS US MILITARY ACADEMY CLASS AT WEST POINT, MAY 26-29. MILGP COMMANDER COMPLIED WITH A PERSONAL REQUEST FROM PRESIDENT TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR HIM, HIS WIFE AND FOUR OTHERS AT
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AMERICAS AND MEETINGS WITH JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS AT THE TIME OF HIS WEST POINT TRIP ARE ALSO IN THE WORKS.

3. SULLIVAN AND SARRIA HAS GENERATED AN INVITATION FOR SOMOZA TO ADDRESS THE MID-AMERICA COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL WORLD TRADE CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO ON APRIL 22 AND TO MEET WITH COUNCIL OF AMERICAS THERE. IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED THAT SOMOZA ALSO VISIT WISCONSIN (SISTER STATE) AT THIS TIME.

4. FIRM IS ALSO PROPOSING THAT SOMOZA ADDRESS ANNUAL MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE, TUNNEL AND TURNPIKE ASSN. AT SEATTLE ON SEPTEMBER 20, COMBINING IT WITH A SWING THROUGH LOS ANGELES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COUNCIL OF AMERICAS.

5. FINALLY, SULLIVAN AND SARRIA IS SUGGESTING THAT SOMOZA ADDRESS THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL IN NEW YORK IN LATE NOVEMBER.

6. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD CONFIRMATIONS AND DETAILED TRAVEL INFORMATION AS THEY DEVELOP FOR PURPOSE OF EXTENDING COURTESIES AND SECURITY.
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